



Dear Homeowner,

Spring is here! Here at Big Mountain Water Company, we know you are itching to get your irrigation system up and running to prepare for the summer months. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when you are turning on your irrigation system for the first time in the spring to help mitigate unwanted water consumption from leaks or damages that may have occurred over the winter.

1. Inspect sprinkler heads for damage
2. Clean up debris around your yard and sprinkler heads
3. Slowly turn the water on – releasing the water too quickly can cause water hammer which may cause fittings and pipes to break
4. Inspect the valves (and seals) – make sure valves are operating as they should and replace any valves or fittings that are leaking or broken
5. If a leak is discovered, close down the system until any necessary upgrades or repairs can be made

If this list seems daunting to you, reach out for assistance from a licensed professional (plumber or landscaper) to help the process along. This would be at your own expense however paying a professional is typically less costly than the cost of the water consumption caused by a leaky irrigation valve.

Thank you,

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